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THETA EARNS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

As a communication and art major and member of Alpha Mu/Missouri, Amy Tillman never imagined she'd make history while at the University of Missouri. Yet a semester shy of graduation, she did just that.

On February 19, 1999, the University of Missouri College of Arts and Science awarded Amy Tillman the 1999 Distinguished Service Award.

The Arts and Science Distinguished Service Award, presented yearly since 1989, recognizes an individual at the University who demonstrates dedication to the arts and science community through his or her work. The historic twist this year: Tillman stands as the first Missouri student ever to receive this accolade.

"It was all I could do to call my parents and explain the magnitude of this honor," she says of her reaction upon receiving a letter notifying her of the award.

At Missouri, Tillman coordinated various alumni conferences and programs through the Arts and Science Development Office. In 1998, she spearheaded the Leaders Panel, a gathering of Mizzou students and alumni for conversations on careers.

In addition to her arts and science activities, Tillman advised peers through the Freshman Interest Groups Program, while maintaining her spot on the Dean's List each semester.

Upon graduation in May, she began to pursue employment in the graphic design field.



Amy Tillman, AM/Missouri

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following college and alumnae chapters celebrating milestone anniversaries in 1999!

125 Years

Gamma Chapter at Butler

75 Years

Beta Nu Chapter at Florida State

50 Years

Santa Barbara Alumnae Chapter
San Jose-South Bay Alumnae Chapter

20 Years

Epsilon Zeta Chapter at Mississippi
San Antonio Alumnae Chapter

GRAND COUNCIL UPDATE

Kathryn Wynn Salvemini, Gamma Mu/Maryland, has been elected by Grand Council to serve the Fraternity as vice-president education. Kathy has served as a college district president/college regional director since 1990.

Carol Olson Larsen, Gamma Nu/North Dakota State, resigned from the position of vice-president education in May.

DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Brandi Plumlee and Tiffany Parsons, both members of the Alpha Omicron Chapter at Oklahoma, lost their homes on May 3, 1999. Tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, leveling entire subdivisions in South Oklahoma City, Moore, Del City, and Midwest City. Both young women were living in the Theta house, but Tiffany was at home with her family during the storm. She and her mother survived the F5 tornado in a bathtub with a mattress pulled over them for protection.

The Alpha Omicron Facility Corporation Board, in conjunction with the Theta Mothers' Club, has established a disaster relief fund for Brandi and Tiffany. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to: Kappa Alpha Theta Disaster Relief Fund, c/o First Fidelity Bank, 131 East Main Street, Norman, OK 73069. Please endorse checks "For deposit only, account #1041563423."

1999-2000 EDITORIAL BOARD

The Fraternity is seeking members to serve on the editorial board of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* for a one-year term. Board members share suggestions, serve as professional resources, and write articles for *The Magazine*.

For more information, please contact Liz Rinck, 1-888-526-1870, ext. 150; LRinck@KappaAlphaTheta.org.

We extend a big thank you to the 1998-99 editorial board members!

- Sharon Cooper, Delta/Illinois, is media and communication manager for Allstate in Texas. Her article, "Lending a Caring Hand," appeared in the Spring 1999 issue.

- Shawne Dussinger, Alpha/DePauw, graduated from Boston University with a graduate degree in print journalism in December. Her background also includes an internship with *Rolling Stone Magazine* in Sydney, Australia.

- Erin Kretzschmar, Alpha Mu/Missouri, is an executive assistant at Fleishman-Hillard, Inc. Her article, "Flying High in the NFL," appeared in the Spring 1999 issue.

- Katherine Witham Lynch, Alpha Epsilon/Brown, is a public relations specialist at Cambridge Technology Partners and a freelance consultant/writer with KQ Communications. Her article, "The Grande Dame of Space," appears in this issue of *The Magazine*.

- Beth Matter, Delta Pi/Tennessee, is associate editor at Vanderbilt Alumni Publications. Her article, "The Joy of Volunteering," appeared in the Spring 1999 issue.

- Katherine Whan, Delta Xi/North Carolina, is communications coordinator at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina. She was recently awarded a writer's grant for a one-month fiction-writing residency at Vermont Studio Center.

IN MEMORIAM

It's been more than a year since the sudden death of Marshal Alan Pettrie, a most beloved worker at Kappa Alpha Theta.

At first I, his mother, was overwhelmed with the outpouring of words and deeds of condolence by so many of you. Later I was surprised and amazed with the incredible financial contributions made toward the establishment of a statue in Marshal's memory, a statue which is now a reality on the Headquarters grounds.

I would like to add my thanks to those of the Foundation for the great number of contributions to this most wondrous venture. I want to assure you that your caring and contributions have made Marshal's loss more bearable. Thank you for your great generosity.
CELESTINE PETTRIE

MAGAZINE KUDOS

Just received your Spring 1999 issue this morning, and I had to tell you it is terrific! Well done.

ERV JOHNSON
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY
VIA E-MAIL

Thank you for a Theta magazine [Spring 1999] that is not only beautiful but exceptional in its organization and layout.

DOROTHY DURRELL LAUPA
BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE

I want to complement you on the excellent magazine you are producing—it is a delight to view and read. I know that Thetas everywhere must be very proud of being represented by such a professional publication.
NANCY MASON PARIS
ALPHA SIGMA/WASHINGTON STATE

FOR A LIFETIME

My association with Kappa Alpha Theta began in 1974 at Arizona State University. I quickly became a "typical Theta," which I define as a positive, enthusiastic, high achiever. My college memories include lots of late-night talks, delivered pizza after 10:00 pm, awe-inspiring initiations, numerous philanthropic projects, "all-nighters,"

and fun-filled Greek Weeks.

Like most of you, I made solid and lasting friendships with women who had the same basic morals and values as myself. That was the driving force behind my involvement with Theta as a collegian and continues to be the reason for my involvement as an alumna.

Many times over the years we hear that Theta is for a lifetime. Now that phrase has new meaning for me.

At the age of 40, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had no known risk factors for breast cancer no any family history of it. Over the years, I did have regular medical check-ups, and I knew how to do self-examinations. But I did not do them regularly for the simple reason that I did not consider myself to be truly at risk. And when I reached 40 and my doctor told me I should have a second mammogram, I simply put it off. I was busy teaching and being a mom and a wife and a daughter. I was low on my own list of priorities.

Don't make the same mistake I did. Make yourself a priority! Get regular medical check-ups. Perform self-exams once a month. Get a baseline mammogram at 35, and, starting at age 40 get a mammogram once a year. For more information, contact the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO) at 800-719-9154 or www.nabco.org.

The good news is that after my diagnosis and mastectomy, I endured six months of chemotherapy and never missed a day of teaching as a result of the treatments. I honestly believed that I would be one of the lucky survivors of this dreaded disease. The bad news is that last July my surgeon removed a recurrence from under my mastectomy scar.

"Theta is for a lifetime." The support I have received from my Theta sisters has been an overwhelming outpouring of love. I have received countless phone calls of encouragement. Since my surgery, I have received more than 60 cards and gifts and numerous prayers from Thetas. From New York to Alaska, Massachusetts to California, Minnesota to Kentucky, Thetas remembered me.

Receiving a card from the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter and having my name mentioned in the *Pansy Press* was especially touching. The card read, "Always remember that you have friends to lean on, friends who will listen at any time,

friends who really care about you." We all do!

When you hear Corinthians 1:13, think about the faith, hope, and love that Theta has given to you. Think about the love you have given to Theta. Reflect on God's word and Theta's values and realize the blessings that both have given to us.

KELLY KENNARD ELDRIDGE
DELTA EPSILON/ARIZONA STATE

SITE TO SEE

I love the new Theta website. I especially enjoy being able to change my address and personal information online.

Keep up the good work!
CHRISSEY TAM-SHELTON
ALPHA SIGMA/WASHINGTON STATE
VIA E-MAIL

Great new website. I will E-mail all my sisters and ask them to register on the site. One request: could you include college chapter E-mails so when we search for our college chapter we could then send them messages?

KERON FITTS
GAMMA OMEGA/AUBURN
VIA E-MAIL

We have included "clickable" website addresses and E-mail addresses for those chapters that have registered these addresses with us (Theta Directory>College Chapters and Alumnae Chapters and Clubs). There are website guidelines on Theta's site (Chapter Resources>Website Development Procedures) to help college chapters and alumnae groups develop websites and register them with Fraternity Headquarters.

Letters to The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine may be edited for length.

CORRECTIONS

-Regan Rooney Forystek, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, is a member of the Link Club (cumulative donations of \$100 - \$249). This information was omitted from the Donor Report (Spring 1999). Also in the Donor Report, Mary Karyn Emison, Alpha/DePauw, was erroneously identified as a member of the Senior Circle.

-Rochelle Martin, Rho/Nebraska, earned straight As during both semesters of 1997-98. The information in "Academic Achievers" (Spring 1999) indicated she had straight As during only one semester.

Bound by a Mighty Vow

SISTERHOOD IN KAPPA ALPHA THETA, 1870-1920

Diana Turk is a student at the University of Maryland, where she is working toward her Ph.D. in American Studies. During the course of her studies on sororities, Turk learned that Theta's archives had a reputation for being very well organized. She filed a formal petition with the Fraternity to conduct research, and—after extensive questioning by Fraternity Archivist Mary Edith Arnold, Alpha Mu/Missouri, and Fraternity Historian Judy Alexander, Gamma Lambda/Beloit—gained permission to use the archives to study the changing role and scope of fraternity membership for the women of Kappa Alpha Theta during the first five decades of coeducation.

Turk takes great care to ensure that all events are considered within the historical context of the time in which they occurred. She also preserves the secret aspects—such as ritual—of the Fraternity. She says, "Theta's archives are a genuine treasure trove and largely the reason why my project has attracted attention. [You] are lucky to have such a well documented and well-preserved trail of the past."

Her dissertation, "Bound by a Mighty Vow, A Study of Sisterhood in Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, 1870-1920," examines the changing social and cultural meanings of fraternity membership. She chose her title because Thetas of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries considered themselves "bound" by a "mighty vow," with each member serving as one link in a chain of sisterhood.

We thank Turk for allowing us to use her description of the chapters in her dissertation as the basis for the following article.

When they founded Kappa Alpha Theta in 1870, Bettie Locke, Alice Allen, Bettie Tipton, and Hannah Fitch sought to create a network that would help college women combat opposition to coeducation. The founders and the early members were concerned with proving themselves worthy in the classroom while still retaining a sense of their own womanliness. They placed high scholarship at the forefront of their threefold mission that combined intellectual, social, and moral endeavors. Because they regarded themselves, foremost, as scholars, the first generation of Kappa Alpha Theta sisters constructed their Fraternity around the ideals of intellectual achievement.

The second generation of Kappa Alpha Theta women brought changes to the Fraternity's overall mission and to the day-to-day practices of the college chapters. With their place as women on campus more secure, the Theta sisters of the 1890s and early 1900s had the luxury of viewing their fraternity more as a social society than as a network of solidarity for struggling female collegians. Thus, they placed their emphasis on cultivating in themselves and in their sisters the more traditionally "feminine" qualities of grace, charm, poise, and social leadership. With their attentions centered more on social affairs than on academic accomplishments, the second generation of sisters altered their criteria for selecting new members. They used appearances and sociability as their determinants in selecting from among the growing crop of female collegians those upon whom to pin the Theta colors. Alumnae did not always respond favorably to the changed practices and values of the collegians of the 1890s and early 1900s, and struggles developed between the two generations of fraternity women over their conflicting notions of what constituted an "Ideal Theta."



Members of the Beta Chapter at Indiana dressed up for this formal portrait in 1903.

As the 1900s progressed, Kappa Alpha Theta evolved from a small collective of chapters on campuses located within easy travel distance of one another into a national organization. The Fraternity developed a highly structured governing body and carefully delineated systems of command. As the Fraternity grew, the criteria for and method of choosing where and how to



In the spring of 1885, members of the Iota Chapter at Cornell posed during an outing with friends.

extend the network of chapters changed. Extension proved a controversial issue in Kappa Alpha Theta as members used varying bases to judge potential sites and institutions, as well as the women who would serve as the charter members of the new chapters. It was necessary to find balance between the competing aims of expansion and exclusivity. In the matter of both expansion and member selection, Thetas sought to fulfill the Fraternity's founding goal of serving as a broad network of support for collegiate women, while at the same time limiting its membership only to those who would help it "rank with the first in America."

By Diana Turk



Members of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Vanderbilt gathered on the steps of their residence in 1908.

Kappa Alpha Theta's international status played an increasingly important role in shaping its members' actions and attitudes in the early decades of the twentieth century. Although they were linked by their relationship to the national Fraternity, tensions developed between and among different chapters as increasing physical and cultural distances led to the development of different customs and social mores.

At the same time that Theta was experiencing these "growing pains," the tide of opposition to the Greek system was swelling in campus and state legislative bodies across the United States. Fraternity members strove to create unity by training all sisters in a common set of ideals and understandings for Fraternity life. Great efforts were made to build an organization in which all members would hold similar ideals and beliefs. Different groups within the fraternity created mechanisms to police the behavior of all those who wore the Theta badge and to ensure that all of Theta's "links" appeared strong. Thetas went to great lengths to iron out the discrepancies in beliefs and mores brought about by the geographic, cultural, social, and, especially, temporal diversity of the Fraternity's membership. They wanted to instill in all members a shared notion of what it meant to "act like a Theta."

The women who belonged to Kappa Alpha Theta between 1870

and 1920 derived a variety of benefits from their Fraternity membership. Theta provided valuable aid to its members—particularly those who graduated from college—in securing paid employment, access to emotional and financial support, and entree into desirable social groups. Theta played an enabling role for many of its members, helping them to push against gender barriers while at the same time deriving benefits reserved for those who stayed within the boundaries of socially acceptable behavior. In an age of rapid change, Kappa Alpha Theta worked as a tool for coping with the uncertainties of life in modern

America, helping to decrease anonymity and uncertainty for the thousands of women who used their Theta badge as a means of forming social, economic, and political connections. ■



Five members of the Alpha Mu Chapter at Missouri posed for a photograph in 1916.

Thetas Are Shaping Up!

This is not a "fitness for the new millennium" story; it's a story of how Kappa Alpha Theta is helping to shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Since 1986, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation has invested approximately \$500,000 to send nearly 400 young women to LeaderShape Institute.

"I truly believe that the experience I had at LeaderShape supports Theta's ideals—it taught me how to be a leader with integrity!" said Debra Cifreo, Delta Kappa/Louisiana State, 1998 LeaderShape participant.

LeaderShape is an intensive, interactive, six-day program. Each session includes approximately 60 men and women, ages 17 to 25, sponsored by organizations from diverse ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds.

Utilizing highly interactive program methods rather than classroom lectures, everyone is a teacher and everyone is a learner during the Institute. Work is done in a large group called the Learning Community and in small groups called Family Clusters.

"The Family Cluster provides a supportive, safe environment that promotes learning and the development of new skills and attitudes," says LeaderShape Executive Director Rob Sheehan, PhD.

"LeaderShape prepares young people to change their worlds by providing the tools needed to achieve new insights, improve relationships, build more effective teams and, ultimately, enhance society," Sheehan continues.

According to Foundation Trustee and Grants Chairman Wendy Goshert, Gamma/Butler, evaluations completed by Theta participants confirm Sheehan's claims.

LeaderShape is just one of many programs supported through grant making by Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Last year nearly \$1 million was distributed as scholarships, to CASA, and to support the educational and leadership programs of the fraternity.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was established in 1960 to provide an avenue for the acquisition and disbursement of contributions to promote and fulfill the educational and philanthropic goals of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Please contact the Foundation for information about making a gift, or to receive a scholarship or grant:

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RUSH RESULTS

Congratulations to the following chapters that pledged quota during the 1998-99 academic year. Quota was achieved either in bid matching during formal rush or through continuous open bidding (COB).

* Indicates those chapters that pledged 40 percent or more of the Theta legacies who participated in their respective school's rush.

Boldface indicates those chapters pledging 100 percent of Theta legacies participating in rush.

A/Depauw	AΨ/Lawrence*	ΔE/Arizona State*
Δ/Illinois	BΔ/Arizona	ΔZ/Emory
H/Michigan	BE/Oregon State	ΔH/Kansas State
I/Cornell	BZ/Oklahoma State*	ΔΘ/Florida*
K/Kansas	BH/Pennsylvania	ΔI/Puget Sound*
Λ/Vermont	BI/Colorado	ΔΣ/Ball State*
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan*	BK/Drake	ΔY/Eastern Kentucky
M/Allegheny	BA/William and Mary	ΔX/Virginia
N/Hanover*	BN/Florida State	ΔΩ/Texas A&M*
Ξ/Wesleyan	BΞ/UCLA	EE/Baylor
O/USC	BO/Iowa	EZ/Mississippi
Π/Albion	BΠ/Michigan State*	EH/Centre College
P/Nebraska*	BP/Duke	EI/Westminster*
T/Northwestern	BΣ/Southern Methodist*	EA/Dickinson
Y/Minnesota*	BT/Denison	EM/Princeton
Φ/U of Pacific	BΦ/Penn State*	EO/Randolph Macon*
X/Syracuse	BΩ/Colorado College	EΠ/Bucknell
ΑΓ/Ohio State	ΓΔ/Georgia*	EΣ/UC Irvine
AH/Vanderbilt*	ΓZ/Connecticut*	ET/Yale
AΘ/Texas	ΓΘ/Carnegie-Mellon	EY/Columbia
AA/Washington	ΓI/Kentucky*	EΩ/Washington & Jefferson
AM/Missouri*	ΓM/Maryland	ZZ/Colgate*
AN/Montana	ΓN/North Dakota State	ZΛ/College of Charleston
AO/Oklahoma	ΓP/UC Santa Barbara*	ZM/MIT
AΠ/North Dakota	ΓΣ/San Diego State	ZΞ/Harvard-Radcliffe
AP/South Dakota*	ΓΥ/Miami	ZP/UC San Diego
AΣ/Washington State	ΓΦ/Texas Tech	ZY/U of Texas-Dallas
AT/Cincinnati*	ΓX/Fresno State*	ZΦ/Pepperdine
AY/Washburn	ΓΨ/Texas Christian	ZX/Johns Hopkins
AX/Purdue	ΔΔ/Whitman	

Other chapters pledging 40 percent or more of the Theta legacies who participated in their respective school's rush.

AΨ/Lawrence	ΓT/Rollins	ZΘ/Cal Poly
BM/Nevada	ΔO/Alabama	ZΣ/Ohio Northern
BX/Alberta	EΦ/Chicago	

SNAPSHOTS



JANEL WING, JANE OELTJIN GJESTER, KIMBERLY CHANG, CHRISTINA PALMIERI, MARCI RABBACH, KRISTEN WILMOTH HOWARD, CATHY GATES, ERIN GRAVLIN, ROCHELLE LEHRKIND, and JULIE ABBOTT, all members of the **PHI CHAPTER AT PACIFIC**, gathered to celebrate the September 1998 marriage of **KRISTEN WILMOTH** to Todd Howard in Newport Beach, Calif.



The **FORT WORTH ALUMNAE CHAPTER** celebrated Founders Day at the Petroleum Club in Downtown Fort Worth. The celebration included sixty college members of the **GAMMA PSI CHAPTER** at TCU. The alumnae chapter honored **MARGARET MCGEACHIN VESTAL**, P/NEBRASKA, 50-year Theta; **BETTIE LU OGAN WASHBURN**, AM/MISSOURI, 50-year Theta; **BECKY ARNOLD HUME**, B/INDIANA, President of the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter; and **FERNE STAATS HOAGLAND**, P/NEBRASKA, 75-year Theta.



The **LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE ALUMNAE CLUB** honored four 50-year Thetas at its Founders Day ceremony: **MARION NICHOLS CRITCHLOW**, BE/UCLA; **MARTHA JONES LANDISE**, BA/ARIZONA; and **PEGGY PRYOR PERRY** and **AMELIA JO YATES SEASTROM**, O/USC.

BINGO

The **DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER** spells service B-I-N-G-O. Each month, Theta alumnae in the Denver metro area call bingo for seniors at the Meridian Retirement Community. Most of the seniors who participate in the monthly games are residents on the facility's assisted-living floor. Many are in wheelchairs and/or need assistance to participate. The growing bond and camaraderie between the alumnae and the residents was apparent in a holiday trip to the facility where Thetas sang carols and presented a tray of cookies to the residents.



In 1971, **JOAN ZIEROTT WALTON**, P/NEBRASKA, and **JO HARDING EDMONDSON**, Γ^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN, founded the **EL CAMINO THETA ALUMNAE CLUB** in San Clemente, Calif. About 12 years later, Walton and her husband founded the San Clemente Theta Boys Club to meet once a month for golf. In 1997, Edmondson organized the Central Coast Theta Boys Club for Theta alumnae in and around San Luis Obispo. Pictured are fifteen of the Theta alumnae who sponsor the two Theta Boys Clubs: (back)

MARILYN MORGAN, BI/COLORADO; **DEARINE DALTON**, ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA; **MARIAN TAYLOR**, AΣ/WASHINGTON STATE; **SUZANNE HARRISON**, Γ^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN; **CAROL SUTORIUS**, ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE; **NANCY WOLF**, O/USC; **JOYCE DINNAGE**, BI/PENN STATE; **CYNTHIA COOPER**, BA/ARIZONA. (front) **JOAN WALTON**, P/NEBRASKA; **JAN REMMERS**, BI/COLORADO; **JO EDMONDSON**, Γ^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN; **KATHY ENGLEHARD**, and **JOANNE FAULCONER**, Γ/BUTLER.



JENNIFER BARRETT TENBARGE, ΓΨ/MIAMI; KELLEE HEFFERNAN HEISEL, B/INDIANA; and MAUREEN FAHEY BOWERS, ΔΣ/BALL STATE, served together as 1998-99 Executive Board members of the Woodbrook Elementary PTO in Carmel, Ind. Bowers and Tenbarge will continue as Executive Board members in the 1999-2000 year, Bowers as ways and means (fund-raising), and Tenbarge as president.



Thetas from the **BETA IOTA CHAPTER AT COLORADO** gathered for dinner and a Christmas gift exchange.



Members of **GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER at KENTUCKY** participated in a daylong retreat last November in Louisville. The retreat combined an obstacle course and rope climbing, teamwork activities, and individual challenges. Senior members and new members were successful in working to motivate one another.



Members of the **GAMMA PHI CHAPTER at TEXAS TECH**, got together in Santa Fe, NM. (Back) **JUNE COKER WENDEL, VIRGINIA MITCHELL PURCELL, PATRICIA MANSELL GORDON, MARY GRISTY ROOKER, ANN HEATLY MEYERS, ZOE MERRIMAN KIRKPATRICK, ANN BONDURANT DUVAL**; (middle) **SUE RUSSELL LINTHICUM, KAY LYNN WATSON FULTON, SHIRLEY SHIELDS SMITH, SUE HUNT SEXTON, MARILYN CHESHER LYNCH, CAROL COLLINS DOUGLAS**; (front) **PAT TINNEY JORDAN and JOAN CHESHER JOHNSON**.



Thetas celebrated the wedding of **TARA FITE-RICHARDSON, ΓΩ/AUBURN**, August 1998, in Lakeland, Fla. In attendance were (back) **SHANNON WILSON-JONES, HEATHER DENTON, and ALLISON DAIGLE**, all **ΓO/AUBURN**; (front) **JENNIE RUSSELL, ΔΘ/FLORIDA**; and **KRISANNE RUSSELL, VICTORIA MARTIN, and TRACY FITE-BROWN**, all **ΓO/AUBURN**.



Over the 1998 holidays, the **TALLAHASSEE ALUMNAE CLUB** manned a booth at the

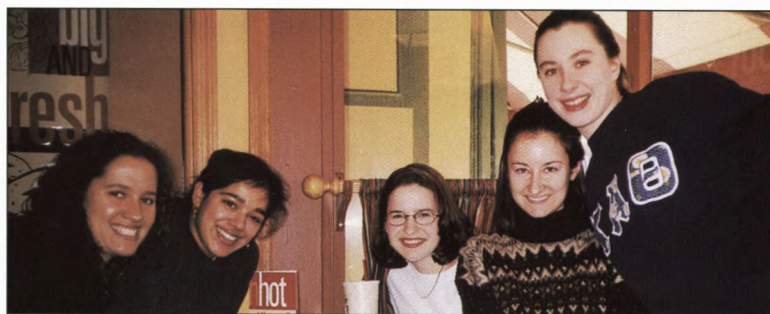
"Alternative Christmas Market," a local fund-raiser that benefits more than 30 non-profit charitable organizations.

The club raised \$2,231 for the local CASA fund.





The **ZETA KAPPA CHAPTER** at **SOUTH CAROLINA** sponsored The First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, a fund-raiser for CASA. Students, teachers, and members of other Greek organizations purchased pumpkins from the Thetas, carved them, and then entered them in a contest for the scariest pumpkin.



In February, alumnae from the **ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER** at **WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS** and the **ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER** gathered for a Saturday morning breakfast. Pictured are **RAINA WINFREY**, **AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS**; **MAYURI CHHOTU**, **ΓΘ/CARNEGIE-MELLON**; and **MICHELLE CARR**, **BARBARA SMOYER**, and **SARAH FREY**, **AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS**.



Members of the **GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER** at **NEW MEXICO** attended the **ALBUQUERQUE ALUMNAE CHAPTER's** Founders Day Luncheon. (Back) **KAY BENNETT GORTEN**, **EMILY TAULMAN FOOR**, **KATHY MCFARLAND ARNOLD**, **MARALYN BUDKE**, **BETTY BENNETT KOPKE**, **SHARON YENNEY**, **GAYE MANGOLD TALLEY**, **MAXINE CASTILLO POZEGA**, **EMILY PINEDA EDERER**, and **JEANETTE JURIC CIVEROLO**; (front) **DIANE POOL HOLDRIDGE**, **JUDY CHRISTOPHER WHITE**, **KAYE MARTIN BENNETT**, and **KATHLEEN BURKE ANTHONY**.



ERIN CAUDILL, **ABBEY CALDWELL**, and **SARAH HUXFORD**, from the **ZETA ETA CHAPTER** at **WOFFORD**, took part in a month of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg, SC. Along with thirty other students and two professors, they worked approximately 70 hours on four different houses. The work was done as part of a four-week mini-semester, during which students work on a variety of projects and classes.



(Back) **SONDRA DAVIDSON**, **CINDY RICE**, **MICHELE SHAFFER**, **SHELLY LABBE**, **JULIET RIZZO**, and **PAM RICE**, all from the **DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER** at **LOUISIANA STATE**; (front) **ASHLEY CASEY**, **EY/COLUMBIA** and **JULIA GEORGE**, **AE/BROWN**; gather at **Cindy Rice's** annual Christmas party.



Twenty-two of her sisters at the **BETA GAMMA CHAPTER** of **COLORADO STATE** attended the marriage of **CASSANDRA CHITTICK** to **David Krause**, **Sigma Nu**, at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., in July 1998.



A Cruel Wind Blowing by **HELEN D. MELTON**, AK/ADLEPHI, writing under the pseudonym Kenyon McCann, has been nominated in the fiction category

for the 1998 Library of Virginia Literary Award. *A Cruel Wind Blowing* is a sequel to Melton's 1994 novel, *Ride Into Darkness*, and covers the Battle of Gettysburg and the Reconstruction period.

Manger and Mystery: An Advent Adventure is the most recent book by **MARILYN BROWN ODEN**, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY. Other works include *Wilderness Wanderings: A Lenten Pilgrimage* (1996) and *Through the East Window: Prayers and Promises for Living With Loss* (1998).

Until now, the Vietnam Women's Memorial has been the best-known work of sculptor **GLENNA GOODACRE**, BQ/COLORADO COLLEGE. Now Goodacre has completed work on her designs for a replacement coin for the Susan B. Anthony dollar. The new, gold-colored coin will feature Sacagawea, the 15-year-old Shoshone woman who, with her baby, accompanied explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to the Pacific Ocean in 1805. Treasury Department officials considered three of Goodacre's designs. One of them, showing Sacagawea looking over her shoulder, her baby on her back, was recommended by the U.S. Commission on the Fine Arts and was the public's overwhelming favorite in an Internet survey.

DEB ANKLAM BENEDICT, BΔ/ARIZONA, recently received a National Educator of the Year Award. She is the English department chairman, site base chairman, and north central cochairman at Desert Vista High School in the Tempe (Ariz.) Union High School District. She was honored at a surprise school-wide assembly and will receive

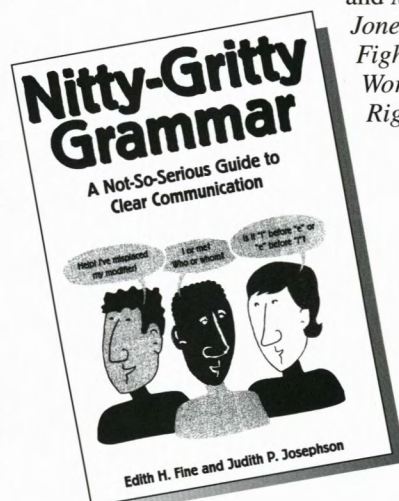


the Milken Foundation \$25,000 Award at a national conference held in June.

Lloyd and **JOAN OLCOTT**, Γ/BUTLER, were designated 1998 Newsmakers of the Year by *The Bloomington* [Ind.] *Herald-Times*. The honor goes to "... the person or persons who did the most to benefit or bring recognition to his or her community" in the preceding year. Two specific events made them the ideal choice. One was the naming of the new city park southeast of town Olcott Park. The other was the dedication of the new Olcott Center for Breast Health at Bloomington Hospital. The Olcotts made financial contributions to both efforts, but their tireless work for the community was what the selection panel focused on when picking them for the honor.

Finance District Director **SUE GILMORE**, Φ/PACIFIC, attended an Adult Education Administrators Conference in San Francisco in January and was surprised to receive the Administrator of the Year Award for the state of California.

JUDITH PINKERTON JOSEPHSON, T/NORTHWESTERN, along with her writing partner, Edith Fine, has recently released *Nitty-Gritty Grammar: A Not-So-Serious Guide to Clear Communication*. The book, published by Ten Speed Press, approaches grammar with humor and explains why knowing grammar basics makes a difference in endeavors such as writing, speaking, and learning a language. Josephson's other works include *Jesse Owens: Track and Field Legend*, *Allan Pinkerton: The Original Private Eye*, and *Mother Jones: Fierce Fighter for Workers' Rights*.



In February, **MARGARET HOOTEN**, BO/IOWA, along with the other members of the gourmet lunch group to which she belongs, represented Pittsburgh in *Cooking Pleasures*, a new national magazine, in a piece about lunch and dinner groups. They have been meeting for a gourmet lunch once a month for seven years and were surprised—and delighted—to represent Pittsburgh. The group won rave reviews from Connie Karaffa, the Pittsburgh photographer who shot the layout for *Cooking Pleasures* - 12 rolls using five different lighting systems. "It would be hard to find a better lunch group to feature.... They were a dream to work with."



LISSA BRADFORD HORTON, ΔO/ALABAMA, has

been awarded the 1998 Junior Golf Leader Award by The PGA of America. Horton is the director of junior golf for the Tennessee Golf Foundation; over the last seven years, she has been instrumental in administering a college day, school field trips to Golf House Tennessee, special events for girls and juniors between 4 and 8 years old, and the Vince Gill Tennessee PGA Junior Tour, which features 140 events over 70 summer days. A PGA member since 1989, Horton has been involved with more than 35 local and regional junior golf programs. Her goal is to produce a state full of young people who enjoy and appreciate golf. ■

Remarkable. Accomplished. Respected. It's hard to find enough adjectives to describe the incredible Eilene Galloway, Alpha Iota/ Washington-St. Louis, who has been a leader in the development of international aerospace policies for more than 40 years. Galloway, who currently serves on NASA's Advisory Committee on the International Space Station, recently received a pansy pin recognizing her 75 years as a Theta. If you quickly do the math, you'll realize she is more than 90 years old—a fact which doesn't appear to have slowed her down in the least.

In April, Galloway participated in a workshop in Bermuda hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, where she discussed the consequences of launching too many satellites into space. In July, she jets off to Vienna, to attend the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III)—she was also an official observer at the last UNISPACE conference in 1982. One can only imagine the quantity and diversity of stamps she must have acquired in her passport!

One of the most recent in a long list of awards and honors bestowed on Galloway was the John F. Kennedy Astronautics Award, presented to her in March by the American Astronautical Society. The John F. Kennedy Astronautics Award was established in 1975 to recognize an individual who has "... made an outstanding contribution by promoting our Nation's space programs for the exploration and utilization of outer space." Galloway joins past award recipients including Hugh Downs, Carl Sagan, and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Galloway graduated from Swarthmore

The Grande Dame of Space

By Karen Witham Lynch, AE/Brown



College in 1928 with a degree in social sciences (encompassing the disciplines of political science, history, philosophy, and economics). She went on to several years of postgraduate study at American University in international law, and received an honorary doctor of law degree from Swarthmore in 1992.

A major catalyst both for our country's space program and in the life of Eilene Galloway was the launch of Sputnik (which took its name from the Russian word for "fellow traveler") by the former Soviet Union in October 1957. This feat awakened the world to the true potential of outer space. It also motivated the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee to place a call to Eilene Galloway, who at the time was working in the Library of Congress. The senator asked Eilene to prepare a report on the impact of the Sputnik's launch on the United States. Thus both our modern space program and the long space career of Eilene Galloway were launched.

To address the imminent legal implications of space activities, the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) was created in 1958. Galloway has been involved with the committee since its formation and from 1970 to 1994 was an official observer at many of its sessions. She was one of the authors of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and also serves as

the honorary director of the International Institute of Space Law and is trustee emeritus of the International Academy of Astronautics.

In a recent letter, Galloway writes, "I have so much outer space work to do. I was supposed to have retired, but assignments keep coming, and I fear I shall never de-orbit."

"There are so many ways in which space activities affect the earth—our communications, meteorology, and navigation systems—and all of these advances would not have been possible if the nations of the world hadn't been cooperating all these years," notes Galloway. "The subject of outer space is naturally international, and from the outset countries cooperated by developing treaties that provided guidelines on conducting space activities."

In the future, Galloway predicts an increase in the private sector's involvement in aerospace activities and research. As she explains it, "A working partnership will evolve between government and industry. We will see a great increase in the commercialization of aerospace exploration, including investigating the beneficial uses of space like having a colony on the moon or further advancing our Mars program."

In October 1998, in her role as honorary director of the International Institute of Space Law, Galloway provided expert testimony before the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics. In her remarks she noted, "On NASA's 40th birthday, we can celebrate four decades of peace and freedom from space wars. The policies we adopted at the beginning of the space age have been implemented by programs that preempted outer space for peaceful benefits for all mankind."

These achievements are thanks in no small part to Eilene Galloway herself. ■



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Eilene Galloway has been a leader in the development of international aerospace policies for more than 40 years, and currently serves on NASA's Advisory Committee on the International Space Station.

Shouting at a Silent Killer

PAM FAERBER'S VOICE
UNITES PATIENTS,
SPECIALISTS, AND
SUPPORT GROUPS IN
THE FIGHT AGAINST
OVARIAN CANCER.



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On May 20, 1994, 44-year-old Pam Biggs Faerber began a journey, her pilgrimage launched with two words: ovarian cancer.

Faerber's first steps on the path were slow and painful, marked by tears, surgery, chemotherapy, and the belief that she would die in two years. But within months, her pace quickened. Hope replaced despair, self-pity became anger and Faerber, Alpha Chi/Purdue, began to tread purposefully toward a goal—to launch a raging and relentless attack on the cancer known as the silent killer.

Her passion was the springboard for Ovar'coming Together, a group she co-founded in 1995 with fellow ovarian cancer survivors Nancy Hines and Kai Binford. Hailed as the nation's first organization to establish a program aimed at reducing the statistics of late-stage ovarian cancer nationwide, Ovar'coming's mission is twofold: to create an awareness among women, physicians, and the greater community regarding early warning signs of ovarian cancer and to promote resources for support, networking, and education for ovarian cancer patients.

The founders, all Indiana residents, plan to distinguish Indianapolis as a model city in reducing the incidence of ovarian cancer. They fervently hope the nation will follow their lead.

"I've met so many women who were diagnosed at stages three or four of the disease, and they're devastated," Faerber says. "But then I see the courage these women rally as they begin to face cancer.

"The first step is facing your own death. Then, once you face it, you throw your shoulders back, and you fight it. There's a transformation, much like a butterfly from a cocoon. As the chemotherapy begins and the hair falls out, the empowerment begins."

Women fight, says Faerber, but they too often lose. With a lifetime risk of only 1 in 70, ovarian cancer is not considered a common cancer. However, because eighty percent of ovarian cancer cases are found in advanced stages when life expectancy is greatly limited, the survival rate has not improved in 20 years. Ovarian cancer also is dubbed the

silent killer, because its symptoms—cramping, fatigue, constipation, and bloating—are often mild and mimic other conditions.

"Many ovarian cancer patients are furious," Faerber says. "In a lot of cases, they've gone through months of trying to get their symptoms diagnosed, only to have ovarian cancer discovered in its third or fourth stage.

"They learn that humor is a huge part of treating this disease, and they also arm themselves with information. But the end result is almost invariably, 'What can I do to help other women?'"

Faerber's answer came the night before surgery.

"I was ready to sleep when the night nurse walked in to my room. I had been in the hospital about ten days, and the room was filled with hundreds of flowers and smelled like springtime. The nurse took a whiff and said, 'Humph, smells like a funeral in here.'

"I remember thinking, *That's it*. You can look at life—and your cancer experience—as a funeral parlor or a garden shop. At that moment, I vowed to do my part so that no woman would have to deal with ovarian cancer alone or without hope."

A SERENDIPITOUS PATH

Faerber credits her stage-one ovarian cancer diagnosis to a series of miraculous events. She remembers the day in May 1994 clearly, beginning with a phone call from a friend urging her to take time for a quick horseback ride through the Carmel, Ind., countryside.

"I was all set to refuse, because I was preparing for my son, Geoff's, high school graduation that weekend and for a trip to Europe with my daughter, Ginger, the next week," Faerber recalls. "Plus, my horse was lame, and I was hesitant to ride a borrowed horse."

But, feeling she needed a good horseback ride before she left, Faerber borrowed a mount. Her side ached after the unusually rigorous ride, but she wasn't overly concerned. By the next day, however, the pain had increased to the point that she couldn't walk, and her general physician ordered hospital tests.

It was there, less than 24 hours later, that doctors wrote "ovarian cancer" on her chart. Surgery followed, and gynecological oncologist Hans Geisler, MD, delivered extraordinary news. Thanks to

By Jan Schmitz Mathew,
Δ/Illinois

the wild horse ride, the tumor had turned over itself and shut off the blood supply, creating excruciating pain. The cancer was caught in stage one, meaning it was in both ovaries with a large tumor on the outside, but had not spread to other organs.

"I walked in to my general physician's office thinking I was having an appendicitis attack," Faerber recalls. "He was immediately suspicious, knew exactly the two tests I needed to have, and referred me to a specialist. The combination of those things saved my life.

"These are opportunities all women should have, but most women don't get."

Faerber also believes that God's hand led her to Ovar'coming Together co-founders Nancy Hines and Kai Binford. She met Hines when the two went through chemotherapy together, and Binford contacted her after reading a story about her battle in *The Indianapolis Star*.

"Kai called and told me she thought she might have ovarian cancer, because she was experiencing pain and other symptoms," Faerber recalls. "She had the tests and was also diagnosed with stage one ovarian cancer.

"The fact that all three of us were diagnosed at the same level and that we found each other is extraordinary. I could travel all over the country and not meet another woman diagnosed in the early stages of this disease."

VOICES UNITED

The trio rallied around a basic mission: To promote early diagnosis of ovarian cancer and to educate key audiences on its warning signs. Research and statistics fueled their resolve. In sixty-eight percent of ovarian cancer cases, patients had reported symptoms to their doctors but were misdiagnosed. In the six months prior to their diagnosis, these ovarian cancer patients typically visited at least three different physicians.

"We felt strongly that with the level of knowledge and current tests available, we could change statistics if we could simply change how women think about the disease," Faerber says. "I felt we could go from 80 percent diagnosed in late stages to 50 percent.

"Whether or not ovarian cancer presents symptoms is a very controversial issue among specialists," she adds, "because the bloating, constipation,

cramping and fatigue that women experience often mimic other conditions, like stress or urinary tract infections."

Ultimately, seven Indianapolis-area cancer specialists endorsed a brochure, drafted by Ovar'coming Together's founders, that listed possible warning signs. Next, the fledgling group set out to unite existing organizations in a common cause.

"It was important to emphasize the 'together' aspect of our group," Faerber says. "It was a unique approach, as we were uniting organizations that typically competed for funds. But we felt in order to change anything, everyone had to work together."

The Wellness Community, Little Red Door Cancer Agency, and the American Cancer Society all agreed to endorse the group and to carry its literature. Indianapolis-area hospitals boarded the bandwagon, and the Indiana Governor's Office and numerous businesses endorsed and sponsored health forums and seminars.

"This has been a bigger mountain to conquer than I thought," Faerber admits. "I had hoped for a 20 percent drop in late-stage occurrences within five years, and we're not there yet.

"But we've taken the first steps. We've pulled together organizations that normally compete, and we've gained an acceptance among specialists that ovarian cancer is not a silent killer.

"Our next step is to filter the message to front-line physicians, and we're hoping that Indiana University School of Medicine will be the first in the country to teach medical students the symptoms of ovarian cancer. We've learned that women go to a family physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, general surgeon, or gastroenterologist with their symptoms. They go everywhere except where they belong."

Faerber feels women must also take more responsibility for their healthcare. "If you develop symptoms that are different for your body, check them out imme-



Faerber, center, with Ovar'coming Together co-founders Nancy Hines and Kai Binford. The trio rallied around a basic mission: To promote early diagnosis of ovarian cancer and to educate key audiences on its warning signs.

EARLY WARNING SIGNS

pelvic pain • cramps
"hard feeling" ovaries
abnormal vaginal bleeding
backache • bloating
constipation/diarrhea
abdominal swelling
extreme fatigue • indigestion
urinary tract problems
a feeling of fullness • appetite loss

MORE THAN 26,000 WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES ARE DIAGNOSED EACH YEAR WITH OVARIAN CANCER.

EARLY DETECTION IS KEY, BUT SYMPTOMS CAN BE VERY VAGUE.



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RISK FACTORS

FACTORS THAT MAY PUT A WOMAN AT A HIGHER LIFETIME RISK OF OVARIAN CANCER:

Two or more close relatives with ovarian cancer

• A family history of multiple cancers: ovarian, breast, or colon

• Women who have had breast cancer are at a slight risk

• Women who have undergone multiple exposure to fertility drugs

• Jewish families are more likely to carry the gene

• Endometriosis

• Use of powder with talc or condoms with talc.

For more information, call the Ovar'coming Together hotline at 317-592-9991, or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

diately. Go to the doctor with a list of written questions, and don't be put off.

“Most ovarian cancer patients intuitively knew something was wrong. So if you experience symptoms like extreme fatigue or bloating, don't panic—but put the antenna up.”

According to literature distributed by Ovar'coming Together, women with unexplained symptoms should request a CA 125 blood test, plus a vaginal ultrasound. If the test results show an elevated CA 125 and mass in the pelvic area, referral to a gynecolog-

ical oncologist is the next step.

“The survival rate is beginning to change significantly for women with stage-three ovarian cancer, in cases where the cancer was treated surgically by a specialist,” Faerber says.

STILL CLIMBING

The path is paved and, every year, more ovarian cancer survivors join Faerber's journey. More than 300 women attended Ovar'coming Together's first annual health forum in July 1998 in Indianapolis. A national conference, scheduled for Sept. 25, 1999, in Washington D.C., will be complemented by an Indianapolis Walk-a-Thon the same weekend. Faerber is also working with Purdue University athletic teams, hoping to create an in-state college rivalry with competitive sports events on behalf of ovarian cancer research and awareness.

One hundred Indianapolis-area women are on the Ovar'coming Together mailing list, and the group's literature reaches thousands throughout the country. Stories of inspiration and courage are equally widespread.

“I connected with a woman recently who was diagnosed six years ago with stage three ovarian cancer,” Faerber says. “Doctors told her she had about six weeks to live.

“She contacted a national ovarian survivor group, and they gave her only

two names. She wrote to them, and suggested they start a support group.” Today, these women write and distribute a newsletter called *Conversations*, which reaches more than 2,000 women with ovarian cancer.

“I've learned never to tell a woman what the survival chances are, and to never give up hope,” Faerber says. “You are not a statistic, and you always have a chance of being on the upside of those who make it.”

Faerber counts herself among the survivors. This May marked her five-year anniversary, and she is monitored only with an annual blood test and physical. In addition to Ovar'coming, she manages the marketing department of Faerber Bee Window, a business she co-founded with her husband, George, in 1983. Son Geoff, a 23-year-old graduate of Wabash College, is pursuing a career in volunteer work and lives in the Chicago area. Daughter Ginger, 26, lives in Indianapolis and has two young children.

Kinship with women is also a constant in Faerber's life, and the connections began decades ago in the Theta house.

“I was immediately thrown in to the true understanding of sisterhood,” recalls Faerber, who transferred from the University of Missouri to Purdue as a sophomore and graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in education communication. “Just about a month after I pledged, my sister was involved in a near-fatal automobile accident. My Theta sisters surrounded me that first terrible night—they never left me alone, and they helped me get back to my family in St. Louis.

“We shared an incredible experience, and they gave me a true and lasting show of support.”

When she speaks to college women today, Faerber accompanies her message with a similar promise of support. Ovarian cancer can strike a 20-year-old sophomore or a 65-year-old grandmother, she says. But no woman is ever alone.

“I've come to remember the summer I was diagnosed as the best time in my life,” Faerber says. “I was brought to my knees when I faced my own death. It immediately halted me, and turned me to God. It was very humbling to have Him reach out and touch me.

“I also realized how many people loved me, and I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of their love.” ■

Links in a Chain

ALUMNAE CLUBS HELP MEMBERS REDISCOVER THEIR THETA CONNECTIONS

Alumnæ-at-large is the term used to refer to Thetas who live in areas without active alumnae chapters or clubs. Through the alumnae-at-large page, which is published twice yearly in *The Magazine*, we strive to help these Thetas keep in touch with the Fraternity and with one another.

Kristin Yates, Gamma Epsilon, Western Ontario, has served as alumnae-at-large coordinator since March 1997. In addition to authoring this magazine section, she has also created a website—<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/kappaalphathetaonline>—that serves as an unofficial virtual community of Thetas around the world. For more information about the website, you may E-mail Kristin at kdanforth@sprint.ca. If you wish to submit letters, photos, stories, etc., for possible publication on the alumnae-at-large page, please direct them to Kristin's attention at Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Many of you who are Thetas-at-large may be wishing for more "hands-on" involvement than is permitted by the magazine page or website. Perhaps you have thought about starting a formal alumnae group in your area, but you don't know what is involved in such an endeavor, and you aren't sure how to find out if other Thetas in your area might be interested.

Organizing an alumnae club is actually quite easy! The first step is to contact Fraternity Headquarters and consult Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator (1-888-526-1870, ext. 107; GBrown@KappaAlphaTheta.org). She will provide a packet of information about getting started, as well as names, addresses, and phone numbers of Thetas in your area. She will also help you get in touch with your alumnae district officer (ADO), the Fraternity officer responsible for fostering the growth and development of alumnae groups. "Jenifer Lucas, our ADO, has provided wonderful support during the last two years," says Kim Denning LaPointe, Beta Kappa/Drake. LaPointe is president of the South Hampton Roads

Alumnae Club, which was organized in October 1997.

Your ADO can help you plan an initial meeting and invite area Thetas to it. This organizational meeting will help everyone get acquainted, plus allow you to name the new club. Alumnae clubs are named after the city, town, suburb, or group of towns or suburbs in which most of the members live.

Your ADO is also a valuable source of ideas about activities undertaken by other alumnae groups. Making plans for meetings, programs, and Founders Day can be another enjoyable part of your organizational meeting. In order to fund these activities, your group will need to set and collect dues; \$10 per member is recommended. A minimum number of five dues-paying members is required to achieve Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae club status.

Alumnae club members are free to be as creative as they wish when planning their calendars. "Most of our programs are social," says Kim LaPointe. "We want to encourage friendships first of all." The South Hampton Roads club celebrates Founders Day with a luncheon; in addition, they have participated in a charity walk for a local hospital, held a party and silent auction to benefit CASA, and enjoyed a dinner cruise/sailing trip. They also publish a quarterly newsletter.

Other alumnae clubs publish membership rosters, send members to Grand Convention and District Leadership Conferences, and provide support to a nearby college chapter.

In large cities and small communities across the US, Canada, and England, more than 160 alumnae clubs offer the support and friendship of Theta sisterhood. Members range in age from 21 to 99;



Several Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae clubs sell holiday poinsettias as a fund-raiser for CASA and other philanthropies.

they are single, married, widowed, divorced; they work, are retired, are raising children; they are active in their communities, their churches, their schools.

Being a part of Kappa Alpha Theta starts in college, but it doesn't end there. Being a part of Theta means being part of a network that stretches around the globe.

"Being part of an alumnae club is a new thing for me," explains LaPointe. "I wasn't involved in Theta after school at all. But the club has been a great opportunity for me to meet people in different aspects of my community. I discovered that two women I work with are Thetas, and we didn't even realize it until we all became members of the alumnae club!"

Members of the San Luis Obispo Alumnae Club published their favorite recipes in a cookbook that was sold as a fund-raiser.





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Male Bashing: Practice Makes Permanent

By David Coleman

Editor's note: David Coleman, known nationally as "The Dating Doctor," presented his Creative Dating program at two of Theta's 1999 District Leadership Conferences. His presentation was enthusiastically received in both Kansas City and Indianapolis.

In addition to presenting workshops all over the country, Coleman also authors a weekly syndicated newspaper column on relationships, and his articles have appeared in *Glamour*, *Mademoiselle*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*. We asked him to share one of his columns with readers of *The Magazine*.

Women do it all the time (and they've become quite accomplished at it). Men do it, too. What the reason is, I'm not sure. Comics and comediennes base entire routines upon its premise, and television scripts are laden with innuendo founded upon it. Ditto for movies. Articles in magazines and newspapers chime right in so as not to be left out. It has become chic, and I simply don't understand why. When did it become fashionable, justifiable, and politically correct to bash men?

Take this bit of humor I received over the Internet as an example. A man went to the doctor. The doctor came in and said, "Well, I've got some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that you have an inoperable brain tumor. The good news is our hospital has just been certified to do brain transplants. And here's more good news for you: there has been an accident right out front and a young couple was killed. You can have whichever brain you like. The man's brain is \$100,000 and the woman's brain is \$50,000." The patient couldn't help but ask, "Why is there such a large difference between the cost of the male and female brain?" The doctor replied, "Well, the female brain was used."

People have become so proficient at male bashing that many are proud of their skills in this arena. "My man is so stupid...." routines abound.

An unhealthy attitude has permeated our society. The more men hear how inadequate they are, the more they begin to believe it themselves. And if women believe that men are losers, then why should men go to the effort to prove them wrong?

Sadly, male bashing has created a self-fulfilling prophecy for both sexes. Men have been browbeaten for so long that they have developed learned helplessness. Men have difficulty exhibiting respect for women and relationships because they don't respect themselves. Many believe that it is better to have avoided women entirely than to have attempted to please them and failed. After all, men reason, loneliness beats inadequacy. As a result, women shake their heads and wonder why they haven't been asked out in six months.

As for women, they've been expressing how abominable men are for so long that they have begun to embrace their "findings" as fact. Upon a first meeting, a woman analyzes a man. Right away, she looks for the first faux pas that will verify her conviction that he is "just like all the rest." Women proclaim prior to a date, "I know he'll eventually turn out to be a cheater or loser, but



I'll enjoy it while I can." No wonder men feel destined to fail.

Today, you seldom hear men speak in a derogatory manner at the expense of women. If they do, others quickly put them in their place. Once, it was *en vogue* for comedians, television, and movies to bash women. It monopolized every headline and monologue. No more, and rightfully so. The equal rights movement, harassment policies, common sense, and education have combined to correct the problem. The same must now happen for men.

Men are human and make mistakes, but we can learn and grow. Ladies, if a man exhibits a behavior that pleases you, take a hint from Pavlov and acknowledge his effort. He just might do it again! Indicate your appreciation.

Conversely, if he exhibits a behavior you find offensive or unacceptable, let him know. Be specific and immediate. Never attack his character, simply address the behavior that you label as unacceptable. He'll hear you loud and clear. ■



What do the cities of
Atlanta; Baltimore;
Boston; Dallas;
Indianapolis;
Kansas City;
Ontario, Calif.;
and Seattle
have in common?

They were hosts to an
exciting event in
January & February:
KAΘ's 1999
District Leadership
Conferences (DLCs).



(above) Districts I and II met jointly in Indianapolis. Officers from both districts posed for a photo outside Fraternity Headquarters.

(below) Janet Schoeller Knight, CDP; Helen Edwards Woodward, Fraternity president; and Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ADP, addressed District VI conference attendees in Dallas.



Originating as Regional Leadership Conferences in 1997, the DLCs take the place of a single international leadership conference. Multiple conferences at centrally located cities give college chapter officers and members, alumnae chapter and club members, and advisory board and facility corporation board members access to timely leadership training with little inconvenience and low cost.

Each college chapter sent its president, vice-president administration, rush chairman, and vice-president to its district conference. Many chapter advisers and facility



(top) All the conference participants from District IV posed for a souvenir photograph.

(bottom) Anne Sullivan-Kim, a professional self-defense instructor, presented workshops in Atlanta, Ontario, Calif., and Kansas City.



Gamma Rho/UC Santa Barbara

◆ DLC 2000 Schedule ◆

District I ◆ Indianapolis, Feb. 18-20

District II ◆ Pittsburgh, Feb. 4-6

District III ◆ Boston, Feb. 4-6

District IV ◆ Richmond, Feb. 25-27

District V ◆ Atlanta, Feb. 18-20

District VI ◆ Dallas, Jan. 28-30

District VII ◆ Los Angeles, CA,
Jan. 21-23

District VIII ◆ Denver, Feb. 25-27

District IX ◆ Omaha, Feb. 4-6

"What fun it was, and I learned so much."

corporation board presidents also attended, as did alumnae group officers.

Concurrent workshops focused on leadership, finance, membership recruitment, and alumnae by offering training in budgets and financial management; risk management and leadership skills; membership selection and rush skills; chapter operation and member education; and alumnae programming, fund-raising, and member building. Time for idea exchanges and like-officer discussions was also included.

continued

"It's very encouraging to see so many active alumnae, willing and able to help."



Delta Theta/Florida



Zeta Lambda/College of Charleston

"It was good to meet
alumnae from our chapter."

Nationally known speakers such as Joel Goldman and T.J. Sullivan, Luoluo Hong, and Mimi Wyche presented education programs on self-defense, personal and professional etiquette, personal relationships, self-esteem and personal growth, eating disorders, time management, and AIDS awareness. CASA volunteers presented programs on Theta's philanthropic efforts.

A highlight of each DLC was a recognition dinner, followed by a social. Chapters

"I loved getting a sense
of Theta on
an international level."



Zeta Theta/Cal Polytechnic State



Delta Epsilon/Arizona State

achieving the number-one scholastic status on their campuses were recognized, other awards were presented, T-shirts were exchanged, songs were sung, and skits were shared.

Surveys completed by conference participants indicated that the 1999 DLCs were successful and offered suggestions for further improvements next year. The 2000 District Leadership Conferences will be held in nine US cities in January and February. ■

THETA REUNIONS



Initiated in into the Gamma Mu Chapter at Maryland in 1963, Pooh Tolson Clark, Cathy Fondren Robertson, Trish Ginger Ludwig, and Carol Moroughan Lane had not been together in almost 30 years. They gathered for lunch at Lane's home in Washington, DC.



As evidenced by the smiles, members of the 1958 class of the Psi Chapter at Wisconsin thoroughly enjoyed their reunion in Madison, Wis.



Mary Miles Loveless, Nancy Armstrong Ilgenfritz, Karen Gimaldi, Millie Farmer Hightower, Ginny Dallas Jones, Betsy Ford Dodson, Mims Maynard Zabriski, Belle Schroeder Voyles, Crea Pilkinton Sielbeck, and Jean Popp Collins—members of the 1973 class of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Vanderbilt—held a mini-reunion in the Chicago Marriott.



Celebrating 50 years of sisterhood, (back row) Luramay Linton O'Bryan, Jane Richardt Christie, Jane Esterline Darmer, Martha Wagner McKay; (front row) Helen Jones Frazier, Jacqueline Bryant Lomax, and Joan Le Bien Olcott, all members of the Gamma Chapter at Butler, met in Indianapolis.



Nine members of the 1948 membership class at Alpha Sigma Chapter at Washington State were reunited in Seattle. (Back row) Shirley McBride Pettis, Gloria Jacobsen Willis, Barbara Sanders Rankin, Lorraine Glover Bentley, Betty Oslund Burns, Marie Hazen Monahan; (front row) Gloria Davis Rickert, Joan Sharfenberg Lenning, and Joy Young Ulrey plan another reunion soon.



1993 graduates of Southern Methodist posed with the chapter adviser and the facility director during a five-year reunion luncheon at the Beta Sigma house. (Back row) Kerrie Vaughan Forbes, Linda Whiteside (chapter adviser), Liz Collier Arnold, Mary Ann McFarland (facility director), Kristina Kloberdanz, Kim Hoenshell, Margy Dean Beaver, Shannon McCutchin Finucane; (front row) Nicole Simon Woods, Laura Summers Briggs, Heather Holmes Esping, Emily Adams Haly, Tenley Mogk, Danielle Drake Daugbjerg.

Thank you to all who submitted photographs of Theta reunions. We're sorry that we didn't have room to publish them all. We will continue to publish photos of reunions in future issues of *The Magazine*.

Thank You, Volunteers



Congratulations to the following permanent alumnae secretaries and state/province chairmen who recently received awards for service. A permanent alumnae secretary (PAS) maintains records of all initiated members of a given chapter, while a state/province chairman (SC) maintains records of all initiated members living within her given area. In this way these officers of the Fraternity help ensure that each alumna remains in touch with Kappa Alpha Theta.



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15 Years

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10 Years

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15 Years

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Renee Bergenheier Underwood,
ΓΦ/Texas Tech

10 Years

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Living the Legacy

Whether you call her president or grand president, one fact remains the same: former Kappa Alpha Theta presidents are leaders in the truest sense of the word. With strength and dignity, Theta's six living past presidents showed more than courage and fortitude as they led the first women's Greek-letter fraternity during their respective terms of office. They cradled Theta's strong history and coupled it with a vision for the Fraternity's future.

Each former president highlighted in this article was elected to two consecutive two-year terms of office. Their terms were impacted by the external forces of the nation's climate and the internal workings of the Fraternity structure. No matter what the circumstances, each strove to make Theta stronger. Their stories illustrate unwavering dedication to Kappa Alpha Theta.



NORMA ANDERSON JORGENSEN

GRAND PRESIDENT, 1968-1972

The years were 1968 to 1972. Protest, love beads and turbulence seemed to be gaining momentum over tradition. Norma Anderson Jorgensen, Gamma Zeta/Connecticut, was Kappa Alpha Theta president. She describes her presidential years as "... working to hold the Fraternity together, literally and financially, during the difficult years of the 'flower children.'

"National issues during the late sixties and early seventies greatly influenced all fraternities, including Theta. Ritual was questioned by many, and attempts were made to change it, eliminating things that 'did not fit the times,'" Jorgensen says. "During these years I think I traveled more 'putting out fires' than any president before me. We just had to work with what we had and build on what was good."

The challenges of the times were the backdrop of Kappa Alpha Theta's 100th Anniversary Celebration in 1970, which was "... successful despite what was happening," Jorgensen remembers. The Centennial Convention featured a pageant written specifically for the anniversary. This stage play, acted by Thetas, featured the four founders and highlighted the various decades through 1970.

Other Centennial highlights focused on Theta's founders and included a Theta donation to DePauw University for the establishment of the Founders Gardens on the university's library grounds. A delegation from Theta's Grand Council conducted a special service at the grave of each founder, where a special plaque reading "Founder of Kappa Alpha Theta" was placed. In addition, the inaugural Founders Scholarships were awarded to four collegians.

Jorgensen's terms as president were the culmination of a distinguished Theta career. She was a founding member of her college chapter and then college district president from 1955 to 1958. She served as a member-at-large on Grand Council from 1958 to 1962 and as grand vice-president alumnae from 1962 to 1966. With more to give after her presidency, Jorgensen served as Theta's National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) delegate for 10 years, then NPC second alternate from 1987 to 1996, and NPC first alternate from 1996 to the present. She also contributed her talents as a Foundation trustee during the years 1961 to 1964 and 1968 to 1972.

"I have learned so much about working with people, making choices, setting priorities, learning new skills and discarding nonproductive habits, appreciating kindness and accepting responsibilities—even when it is not easy," Jorgensen says about her Theta experiences. "I know very well that without Theta, I would be a very different person. I am grateful for the opportunity to grow with her."

MARIE ANDERSON FITZ

GRAND PRESIDENT, 1976-1980

Marie Anderson Fitz, Rho/Nebraska,

showed her devotion to the Fraternity through years of service. She first demonstrated her blossoming leadership skills and commitment to Theta as the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter president. She also served as president of the Beta Kappa Facility Corporation during a building program, as well as advisory board chairman for this chapter. Following two terms as college district president, Fitz was elected a member-at-large of Grand Council in 1970.

In 1972, Fitz was elected grand vice-president alumnae, a post she held until her 1976 election as grand president. She served as grand president from 1976 to 1980 and as Foundation trustee from 1972 to 1980.

She describes her presidential time as "... those busy four years when I didn't think of much else than Theta." Some duties during Fitz's years as president stood out as significant. "The accomplishment that was the most pleasing to me was being able to reinstall some of our older chapters with proud past histories that had gone off campus during the years of campus unrest during the sixties," she recalls.

Other areas of accomplishment include the revision and adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules. The new bylaws were a substitute for the old Code of Regulations. Fitz also remembers that the process of streamlining Grand Council began during her term, when the number of Council members was reduced from 13 to 11.

Feeling a real commitment to Theta history, she appointed former Grand President Martha Smith White to the office of Fraternity historian. White authored *Kite Flight*, an account of Theta's history from 1976 to 1986.

Fitz also believed it important to share in the history of leadership. "At the 1978 Grand Convention final banquet, I introduced a special badge ceremony, describing the significance of the antique badges of office worn by the grand vice-presidents," she explains.

At the same Convention, Fitz urged attendees to make the principles and ideals of the Fraternity meaningful to one another, and she made a point of applauding Kappa Alpha Theta's leadership throughout the years. "Standards of excellence just don't happen. They are a part of our heritage.... We have

By Tamara Ferguson Hermen,
AO/Oklahoma



NORMA ANDERSON JORGENSEN,
MARIE ANDERSON FITZ,
LISSA LUTON BRADFORD.

been blessed with wise and thoughtful leadership throughout our 108-year history....” In closing, she challenged each Convention attendee to share the “inspiration” with Thetas who were not able to attend: “Our time is short, our needs are great, our task is enormous, but the future is ours if we face it with love and careful thought.”

LISSA LUTON BRADFORD

GRAND PRESIDENT: 1980-1984

Lissa Luton Bradford, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, was literally “on the move” with Theta during her 1980-1984 presidential years. Her first order of business was to sign a lease on the property which was the site for Kappa Alpha Theta’s new Headquarters in Indianapolis. Once the lease was signed, Bradford worked to ensure that the road from Evanston, Ill., to Indianapolis would be a smooth one.

Bradford’s persistence and leadership allowed the new Headquarters dominoes in Indianapolis to fall into place while she oversaw the process from her Tennessee home. First there was the task of raising money to build the Headquarters and setting up a funding

mechanism through the Foundation to facilitate this financial process. The next step was the actual building of the new Headquarters. Bradford praises former Grand President Jinny Edwards, who was chairman of the new building fund-raising, and future Grand President Sue Supple, who served on the Headquarters Building Committee that was in charge of bringing to Council different architects and furnishing the building.

“None of the staff moved to Indianapolis,” Bradford explains. So one of her presidential accomplishments was to hire and train an all-new staff in Indianapolis. Then came the true tests of surviving moving day and resuming business as usual. In addition to what Bradford describes as “logistical changes” during her term, other Fraternity issues were addressed. “We created the Loyally in Theta Fund,” she says. “There were a lot of needs that could not be met through the Foundation because they were not charitable or educational.” Streamlining the Grand Council structure from 11 voting members to seven was another highlight of Bradford’s terms.

Bradford’s presidential leadership of

Kappa Alpha Theta led her to new heights after she left office. She served as Theta’s NPC alternate delegate from 1984 to 1986, when she became Theta’s delegate. In 1997, she began a two-year term as chairman of the 26-member group. “I believe that a lot more can be accomplished together with the 26 member groups rather than separately,” she said, specifying the *Something of Value* program which collectively addresses collegiate risky behaviors.

When asked about the future of Theta and Greek organizations, Bradford speaks with passion and authority. She points out that, other than religious groups, Greek organizations are the only entities on the college campus saying values and standards are important. “Theta says there are ethical things we care about and that we are going to hold our membership responsible,” she said. And when it comes down to holding true to ethical principals and values, others will “... find that [Theta] is where they want to be.”

SUE FARRELL SUPPLE

GRAND PRESIDENT 1984-1988

As a member of the Alpha Chapter at

Sue Supple tells the story of her first Nikê ceremony as a brand-new Grand Council member during the 1970 Centennial convention. “We were processing out of the huge meeting room with hundreds of Thetas standing, watching our sedate and dignified exit. Norma (Jorgensen) was my leader, and I would have followed her anywhere. Imagine our surprise when she made a wrong turn, opened a door, and I and 100 others followed her into a kitchen pantry. As we piled up, one upon the other

trying to make room for everyone, we struggled to keep from laughing out loud. We had to stay in the closet until the hall cleared, and it was a long, hot wait!”



Of Lissa Bradford, Norma Jorgensen says, “Her leadership in NPC has been outstanding. She is persuasive to her point of view and very thoughtful. We (Theta) are very proud to have her as the chair. She has just done a wonderful job!”

SUE FARRELL SUPPLE,
JANET PAINE PETERS,
CARRYL WISCHMEYER KROHNE.



DePauw, Sue Farrell Supple is proud that she walked the same paths trod by Bettie Locke. As grand president of Kappa Alpha Theta from 1984 to 1988, Supple's goal was to steer the Fraternity in a bold direction, just as the founders had. "Bettie was a pioneer in the truest sense of the word. She and her three friends ventured into the unknown, and I wanted Theta to do the same."

During Supple's presidential terms, Theta was the first Greek organization to issue and publish a statement of values and expectations for membership. Theta was the first women's group to address date rape on the platform of an international meeting and in an article in *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*.

Additionally, Supple recalls a "... Leadership Conference focused on basic leadership skills versus Theta procedures." And the Fraternity "... installed 12 new chapters in a four-year period and established the first Canadian chapter in 50 years."

More than a decade after leaving office, Supple strongly encourages each Theta to build and strengthen the Fraternity and its future. "The future depends on each and every one of us living by the values of our ritual. Our ritual

gives us a pattern for making ethical decisions. It (Theta) should be an inspiration to each member to be the best she can be, to care more, to try harder, to work longer, to go beyond self."

Supple is inspired by Theta and its collective energy. A former grand vice-president college, her service to the Fraternity included terms as a member-at-large on Grand Council and as college district president. She represented Theta as the NPC alternate delegate for two years and served on the Headquarters Building Committee. Following her two terms as Theta grand president, Supple joined the Headquarters staff as editor/director of communications for a five-year tenure. She began her volunteer career as president of Alpha Chapter, later serving as rush adviser and president of the facility corporation. Now she has come full circle and is Alpha Chapter's permanent alumnae secretary.

JANET PAINE PETERS

GRAND PRESIDENT: 1988-1992

"Ask any past president and she will tell you it was a very busy time and she willingly spent those hours because of

her love of Theta," says Janet Paine Peters, Beta Omega/Colorado College, who served as Kappa Alpha Theta grand president from 1988 to 1992.

As Theta's director of volunteers from 1993 to 1998, Peters knows firsthand the love and dedication found within Theta volunteer leaders who give their time to the Fraternity. Yet she believes the world of volunteerism is evolving and that a new vision is required to fit today's lifestyles. "My generation of stay-at-home moms with lots of time to donate is a diminishing breed," Peters said. "Women will volunteer when they believe in the organization. More jobs that are smaller, that surround one with friendliness and fun, and accomplish something worthwhile will attract."

Peters served Theta in a variety of positions. She served on Grand Council as grand vice-president alumnae from 1984 to 1988, and was also a Foundation trustee during this time. In addition to being an alumnae district president for five years, she was president of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter and the Federation of Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae in Southern California.

Peters was the last president to serve before the word *grand* was dropped

Janet Peters and Jorgensen were roommates at a meeting when Peters was president and Jorgensen was NPC delegate. They decided "good taste runs in Theta," since they both had the same nightgown.

Jorgensen remembers Supple and Lissa Bradford "wearing the early thigh-high hose, which she thought was very 'mod.'"

Norma Jorgensen said, "The Fraternity and Foundation should thank Marie Fitz for taking a risk and insisting on buying the Founders Road property for our Headquarters. She found the money somewhere. I never really asked where."

Each former president was asked, "What is Theta's greatest gift to you?" "Friendships" was the overwhelming response.

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from the official title. One decision made during her tenure was of primary importance, she believes. The Fraternity discontinued the official pledge program and instituted the new member program, stressing chapter unity rather than pledge class unity. In fact, Theta was one of the first women's fraternities to replace a pledge program with a "new member" program.

"New to old and back again," is how Peters describes her four years as president, which included her involvement in nine new chapter installations and the exciting centennial celebrations of several other chapters. Additionally, the *Talking About Alcohol* alcohol-awareness program was implemented and made available to college chapters across the continent.

Janet Peters believes firmly in the future of Kappa Alpha Theta. "The road ahead for sororities and fraternities in general will be a rough one. Both men's and women's groups need to get back to their rituals and live up to the scholastic and social excellence they claim to represent," she says. "Because Theta looks ahead to the future and continues to address the issues that face our collegiate and alumnae members, we will continue to make a difference."

CARRYL WISCHMEYER KROHNE

PRESIDENT: 1992-1996

Like many of Theta's officers, Carryl

Wischmeyer Krohne, Nu/Hanover, could be described as a master juggler. During Krohne's 1992 to 1996 tenure as Kappa Alpha Theta president, she also held a full-time job, served on the local school board, and chaired her church's board.

Krohne credits Theta with helping her define her leadership style. "The Theta experience in general helped me define my own leadership management skills," Krohne said. "It gave me the opportunity to work with people early on and learn what leadership really meant."

Krohne's first experience with Theta leadership was as president of her college chapter. From 1982 to 1986, she served on Theta's Grand Council as vice-president finance. Krohne was a Foundation trustee from 1986 to 1988 and, when she was president, she also served as NPC first alternate delegate. "Collaborative" is how Krohne defines the leadership style she developed through Theta. "Lots of people. Lots of input!" she says.

It then seems natural that Krohne choose strategic planning as one of the major focuses of her presidential terms. Of this process that pooled opinions on important Theta issues from surveys, chapter and club focus groups, and key informant interviews, Krohne wrote at the time, "It has long been a dream of mine to see Kappa Alpha Theta undergo this (strategic planning) process. I see it as our foundation for the future."

At a time when the value of the Greek system continues to be ques-

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tioned, Krohne's concern for the future of Theta turns to a call to action. (In her home state of New Hampshire, several bills were introduced into the Legislature to ban all Greek systems in the state.) She says it is important for alumnae to speak of their great Theta experiences and not to forget to honor founding values.

In *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, Summer 1995 issue, Krohne emphasized this message. "As we look to the future, we can renew the vision that our founders set forth. To the valor and devotion of these women, we owe the privilege of sisterhood in Kappa Alpha Theta."



THE POWER OF THETA

As the stories of Theta's presidents show, being a part of Kappa Alpha Theta offers an incredible opportunity for support and growth. These women serve as reminders of the power found in the values and ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta. Former Grand President Sue Supple sums it up this way: "There were members in my chapter who saw more in me than I saw in myself. Because of their belief and encouragement, I was able to accomplish more than I ever thought possible. In every position I ever held for Theta, I learned far more than I gave, and each learning experience gave me the courage to try something new. I will be forever grateful to Theta for this." ■

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